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Column One
By David Courtney

THE web of conspiracy lies across the vision. Every setback in the plans of the West, every assassination and frustrated coup even in the classic lands of assassination and coup, is seen as a devilish stroke of Moscow. The danger of this lies in the fact that nobody troubles anymore to look for a genuine diagnosis of the troubles and crises afflicting nations: it is enough to detect the grimy hand of Moscow and to add one more excuse for our failures, one more reason for drawing over them the ultimate smoke of war. It is a process that has exasperated potential friends of the West and reinforced our actual enemies especially in countries of the Middle and Far East by neglecting the real causes of disaffection and encouraging the belief that a string pulled in Moscow is more to the point than a treaty signed in London or Paris.

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THE attempt is now being made to put the assassination of the Persian Prime Minister, General Razmara, to the credit of Russia and to make it part of a vast plan of conspiracy ranging from Teheran through Karachi to the Chinese Republic in Sinkiang. It is being pointed out that investigations of the Pakistan army intelligence and C.I.D. have led to the belief that it was intended to synchronize a coup in Pakistan, including the murder of the Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, with the assassination of General Razmara in Teheran. The organizers, according to this 'authoritative' report, looked to subsequent Russian military and political aid in the establishment of a pro-Communist bloc from Russia to the Punjab, and in the launching of immediate Pakistani operations against the Indian army.

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IT is all very frightening and probably meant to be. Liaquat Ali Khan is in the midst of the Punjab elections and that may be a reason for building up the conspiracy of his former Chief of Staff into a Communist scare. But it is not a convincing reason. Very few votes are likely to be given or withheld on the grounds that the Prime Minister is saving the Punjab from Communism. What it wants to be saved from is communal insecurity and famine. There may be a desire to whitewash the Pakistan army by attributing the defection of some of its leaders to the evil influence of Moscow; but that, too, is unconvincing. What is the available evidence? The sister-in-law of the chief conspirator, General Akbar Khan, is the wife of the Pakistani military attaché at Teheran: taken together with the fact that Brigadier Laty, who was arrested with General Akbar Khan, had intended to take part in a 'goodwill' mission to Teheran last Sunday, that seems sufficient to establish the connection between the attempted Pakistani coup and the assassination of General Razmara with its sequel in the nationalization of the oil fields. As for Russia, Mr. Faiz Ahmed Faiz, editor of the 'Pakistan Times' and associate of General Akbar Khan, entertained the Russian delegation to the Economic Conference for Asia and the Far East held at Lahore, and M. Nemtchina, the head of the delegation, stayed at the editor's home.

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THE situation in Pakistan, like the situation in Persia, is of more than passing interest to Britain and the United States. If there are sound reasons for supposing that the Russians are busy conspiring to create a Communist Moslem bloc from the Soviet to the borders of India on the one hand and of China on the other, the response from Washington and London must be sharp and substantial. In other words, reports of the kind now issuing from Karachi and Lahore must create anxiety even if their basis is flimsy. Whatever the experts of Foreign Office or State Department may think of them, they cannot overlook the fact that such scaremongering strengthens the hands of the considerable and influential groups which are opposed to any attempt at a negotiated agreement between East and West. A situation made to look as if war is the only way out of the tangle of subversive conspiracies spread from end to end of the earth is one that leaves precious little room for anything else but war.

Tel Aviv, March 27.

Martial Law Extended To South Persia

TEHERAN, Monday, (Reuter) —Martial law was proclaimed tonight in seven localities of the South Persian oil areas, including Abadan. The cabinet took this step following a strike of students and apprentices at the Anglo-Iranian oil centre at Abadan, which began yesterday.

An attempt was made two days ago to assassinate the military governor of Teheran, General Abdul Hussein Hejazi, it was reliably learned here tonight. The attempt failed and arrests were made.

A Government source said workmen at the oil company's installations at Bandar, a Persian Gulf port, and at an oilfield called Jari, had not reported for work since last Saturday.

The oil company's spokesman at Teheran said that for some years the company had paid an outstation allowance to employees working at Bandar to compensate them for the discomfort of the area which originally was totally lacking in facilities.

Domestic Issue

But as living conditions improved the company, in accordance with standard practice, brought this allowance into line with that for more comfortable conditions.

This decision was communicated to the employees and the reasons explained before the new rate became effective, but apparently this was not considered satisfactory by the workers now on strike.

The spokesman added that the company believed the strikes were a domestic issue not linked with the recent campaign for nationalization of the oil industry.

A military government spokesman said last night that about 12 members of the organization of Moslem extremists, Fedayan Islam, had been arrested since martial law was declared. The assassin of General Razmara was a member of this group.

Huleh Work Goes On Despite Firing

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Sporadic shots were fired on Huleh workmen this morning, and work was discontinued for a short time. It was later continued without incident, a military spokesman said here today.

At a late hour, Aloof Mordecai Makleff, Deputy Chief of the General Staff, and Colonel Adib Shishakli, Deputy Chief of the Syrian General Staff, were still meeting in the North. It is believed that they discussed all outstanding matters between the two countries, including the recent firing upon Israel workmen in the demilitarized zone in the Huleh Valley.

McGhee in Amman, Due Here Today

AMMAN, Monday.— "The U.S. has a great interest in helping to stop aggression against the Middle East from any quarter," Assistant Secretary of State George McGhee told King Abdullah and high government officials in Amman today. He said at a press conference later that the U.S. also has a great interest "in the welfare of the peoples of the Middle East and in helping them to improve their economic conditions and build up their security."

Regretting that U.S. policy in Palestine had led to some criticism in the Middle East, he added: "We did not envisage that events would turn out the way they did in Palestine. We must look forward to the future."

Asked why the U.S. favoured and expedited all Israel applications for loans from America, Mr. McGhee said Saudi Arabia had obtained a loan "in almost record time. We only regret other countries do not apply."

Mr. McGhee, who arrived in Amman on Sunday night, has conferred with Jordan Premier Rita'i and had lunch with King Abdullah. A government banquet is being held for him tonight, and he will cross the lines into Israel tomorrow. (Reuter, UP)

AFTER MIDNIGHT

General MacArthur's unauthorized peace offer to the Chinese to sit the line of the agenda for the Truman Department Conference tomorrow, officials said in Washington last night. The meeting will be presided over by Mr. Dean Rusk, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.

Truman Urges American Unity

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — President Truman said today that the aggressive expansion of Soviet power threatened the whole world. In a speech at the opening meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the 21 American Republics, he argued that the Western Hemisphere must unite its defences and combine its strength to support men in Europe and Asia who were "battling for freedom against Communist domination." The Foreign Ministers were invited to the meeting at the request of the U.S. to consider means of safeguarding the peace and security of the Western Hemisphere.

The President said the American republics had all followed and would continue to follow two basic principles: "that international affairs should be based upon co-operation among free and independent nations and not upon coercion or force, and that the aim and purpose of Government is to promote the welfare of all the people — not just the privileged few."

Denial of Freedom

These principles are "under relentless attack from a centre of power which denies the whole concept of human freedom," and threatens the whole world, President Truman continued.

"In Europe we see it trying to engulf the nations from which we have drawn our cultural heritage. If Soviet subversion and Soviet armed force were to overthrow these nations, the consequences for all of us in the Western Hemisphere would be disastrous.

In the Far East "Communist imperialism had fallen upon new nations with its weapons of internal subversion and external attack." If it is successful in this venture the great manpower of Asia would become "one of the instruments of the aggressive expansion of the Soviet system toward the Western Hemisphere."

President Truman told the Foreign Ministers that they must not only consider what should be done to improve Western Hemisphere defences, but what measures they should undertake to strengthen the U.N.

American Republics Discuss 3 Points

WASHINGTON, Monday. — Western Hemisphere defence, internal security and the economic development of Latin America are the three items of the Conference of the American Republics' Foreign Ministers opened here with an address by President Truman today. But already this morning it was clear that these items had been partly overshadowed by Argentina's surprise announcement that she had produced atomic energy by a new process.

Some diplomats here interpreted the announcement — made by President Peron on Saturday — as a deliberate move to strengthen the hand of the Argentine delegation at the present Conference, and U.S. State Department officials held an unexpected Saturday night meeting with Argentine Foreign Minister Hipolito Paz and his top advisers.

Differences of Views

An official present at the meeting said it was held in order to learn in advance whether any grave differences of viewpoint existed between the U.S. and Argentina, so that an effort could be made in private to iron them out before the Conference opened.

Observers in Washington outlined the background of the three items on the Conference agenda as follows:

Hemisphere Defence: The U.S. wants Latin America to provide more troops for defence of North and South America and express united support for the U.N. fight against aggression. In particular, the U.S. wants South American countries to build up their naval and air forces to patrol the coast of both hemispheres.

Internal Security: The U.S. wants better co-ordination of measures to control Communism in the various countries.

Economic Development: The Latin Americans want improvement of living standards to be considered as part of defence against Communism, and a balance between ceiling prices on raw materials and those on manufactured goods. They are also seeking a promise that the flow of basic equipment to continue their industrialization will not be halted during the present emergency.

(UP, Reuter)

Paris Deputies State Minimum Demands

LONDON, Monday (Reuter).— Mr. Ernest Davies, British deputy at the Paris "Big Four" talks, was conferring with Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison here today on the deadlock reached in the discussions. The deadlock followed Soviet insistence on the remilitarization of Germany being an isolated subject and the Western Powers' refusal to give way on this point. It is understood Mr. Morrison will decide whether he will authorize the British delegation to make any concessions to the Soviet view.

The deputies will meet tomorrow in Paris to start their fourth week of talks. But prospects of a full-scale East-West conference were as far way as when they started with no sign, after 18 meetings, of agreement.

Views Presented

Both sides have given notice of their minimum demands for an agreed agenda for a foreign ministers' meeting.

On the Western side, these are: that the Foreign Ministers must discuss the problems of great power relations in Europe as a whole and not piecemeal; and that neither German disarmament nor the reduction of armaments by the four Great Powers can be treated as isolated causes of tension but must be examined as results of the gradual deterioration of relations between Russia and the West.

The Soviet delegation demands: that German disarmament is the real crux of understanding or misunderstanding between the Soviet bloc and the Western Powers in Europe; and that a conference of Foreign Ministers must deal with this as its main problem before passing on to other subsidiary causes of tension.

If at tomorrow's session there is any sign of Soviet willingness to meet Western terms, it is likely that the deputies will agree to a further closed session to enable them to talk more freely about ways and means of bringing the two draft agendas together.

French Worried Over Strike

PARIS, Monday. — As the French Cabinet made an all-out effort today to end the 11-day-old underground and bus strike, observers here were suggesting that Premier Queuille's Cabinet — harassed by strikes, soaring living costs and a threatened huge budget deficit — may ask for dissolution of the National Assembly and June elections.

Early today the strike Committee turned down a proposal for a 1,450 franc-a-month wage increase — less than a quarter of the 6,000 francs they are demanding — and later were considering new Government proposals submitted to them at noon.

It is understood here that the Cabinet feels it is in general impossible to formulate any long-term economic policy in pre-election France.

(Reuter, UP)

Chinese Stand At Parallel Expected

TOKYO, Monday, (Reuter).— Frontline reports from Korea tonight indicated that the Chinese are preparing to make a stand on the general line of the 38th Parallel. The withdrawal process which has been going one for the past month appears to have ended. Along the 80 kms. long central front, Communist groups are moving towards the U.N. lines.

A North Korean army communique said today that over 2,100 U.N. paratroops were killed and wounded on Saturday after the heavy parachute landings north of Seoul.

South Korean troops also claimed the capture of a town five kms. north of the 38th Parallel, on the east coast.

American troops, striking from the north-west today, linked up with other American units north of Uijongbu on the western front. This link-up north of Seoul indicates that all organized Communist resistance in this area has been withdrawn north of the Imjin river.

On the central front, however, Chinese troops, withdrawing before the advance of the U.N. forces for the past month, today filtered south again across the Parallel to the ridges and peaks immediately below the boundary.

Allied tanks and infantry patrols fanned north of the main line probing for Communist pockets hidden in the hills. Other allied patrols further east flushed out and scattered small-sized Communist blocking forces from high ground overlooking the main highway north of Hangye.

U.N. May Issue New Korea Statement

LONDON, Monday (UP). — The U.N. is shortly to issue a new declaration on Korea, according to informed sources.

The declaration is to be made on the basis of a military appraisal of the U.N.'s ability to hold positions along the 38th Parallel and to organize a "buffer zone" north of the Parallel. According to these sources, the declaration might be accompanied by a renewed invitation to the Communists to negotiate.

Informed sources here believe that the decision not to cross the Parallel was purely strategic but that from the military standpoint this would prove impossible.

Visit of British MP's Points To Anglo-Israel Friendship

The eight members of the British Parliamentary Delegation who arrived in Israel yesterday morning were officially welcomed at a Knesset reception last night. The Speaker, Mr. J. Sprinzak, told the guests he hoped they would find their visit as pleasant and informative as had the Knesset members who toured Britain last year at the invitation of the House of Commons. He expressed the wish that they take away with them "knowledge and real understanding of all that is taking place here," which are "a true foundation for mutual understanding and friendly relations."

Mr. William Glenvil Hall, leader of the delegation, in reply told the gathering that Britain had full faith in Israel's ability to complete its present tremendous undertaking, and said that he hoped that tension with the Arab states would subside as progress was made with the settlement of the Arab refugees.

Viscount Samuel, who recalled his days as the first High Commissioner in Palestine, expressed his pleasure at being back in Jerusalem, and observed that "with liberty won, old grievances fade away."

Among the many guests were Cabinet Ministers and Knesset members; the Chief Justice, Dr. Smoira, and members of the Supreme Court Bench; the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Berl Locker; the Mayor, Mr. S.Z. Shragai; Mr. and Mrs. L. Hore-Belisha; the British Minister and Lady Helm; the Inspector General of Police; the Chief Secretary; and members of the Foreign Ministry.

On thier arrival in Lydda in the early hours of the morning, the M.P.s said they wished "to bring a message of good will from the British Parliament to the very great State of Israel."

Mr. Hall, chairman of the British Parliamentary Labour Party, said he expressed the feelings of the entire mission by stating that "everyone of us has been watching the wonderful progress that has been made here in the last few years, despite the enormous difficulties which the Israel people are facing." The group will remain in the country for a week, as the guests of the Knesset.

First to step down from the B.O.A.C. plane were Lord and Lady Samuel, who were greeted by their eldest son, the Hon. Edwin Samuel, and his wife.

In addition to Lord Samuel two of the visitors had been in the country before, Mr. Hall came on a short visit seven years ago. Mr. J.H. Hoy (Labour) was stationed at Rafah as a corporal of the First Tank Brigade after the Battle of El Alamein in 1942. He became very fond of Palestine then, and spent all his leave either in Tel Aviv or in kibbutzim. "I always had a soft spot in my heart for Givat Brenner," he said eagerly, "and I very much want to visit it again."

The Rev. Gordon Lang (Labour) said he had "always been an ardent champion of the Zionist movement in Britain.

The other members of the party are Mr. D.H. Vosper, Mr. E.B. Wakefield and Mr. Joseph Henderson (all Conservative) and Captain George Chetwynd (Labour).

The visitors were welcomed at Lydda Airport by a Knesset delegation that included Rabbi M. Nurock, Chairman of the Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Mr. I. Harari, Mr. A. Elimaleh, and Mr. Y. Sapir, all Knesset members, and Mr. M. Rosetta, Secretary of the Knesset. Mr. Harari and Mr. Elimaleh were members of the Knesset delegation that visited Britain last year. The Rt. Hon. John Wilson, Second Secretary to the British Legation, was also present, as were officials of the Foreign Ministry.

After breakfast at the Airport hotel, the party left for Jerusalem where they are staying at the King David Hotel.

After lunch some of the party visited the children's village in Kfar Batya, and afterwards toured Ramat Rachel and Mt. Scus.

Economic Recovery In Sight, Kaplan Declares

Six-Point Anti-Inflation Plan Outlined to Knesset

Mr. Kaplan presented the Government's anti-inflation programme to the Knesset yesterday, as follows:

1. The balancing of both the Ordinary and Security budgets from internal revenue and internal credits even if it means privations and more shortages. There would then be no more need to issue more Treasury Bills, which had contributed toward inflation in the past few years;
2. Expansion of production to a maximum degree, as a prelude to the three-year $1,500m. Development Programme for which funds are now being raised;
3. The floating in the local market of savings certificates guaranteeing redemption in eight years' time at the present official dollar exchange rate. This is designed not only to siphon IL.25-50m. of loose money from consumption to productive but also to stabilize the pound by restoring the confidence of the small depositor in the currency;
4. A ban on gold trading designed to put an end to the speculation which caused fluctuations in the pound. A few authorized dealers will be appointed. The Government will offer "Travel Dollar" (dollar bonds) or non-payment import rates of exchange for gold. Gold dealers will be punished under a new Emergency Regulation gazetted yesterday while gold purchased illegally will be confiscated;
5. Regulation of bank credits to curtail loans for speculative purposes. Banks will be required to limit their advances in loans to 50 per cent of their present deposits and 25 per cent of any increase in their deposits. They will thus be encouraged to invest the balance in government securities. The present limit is 55 per cent of all deposits. Credits will be diverted to production rather than to consumer goods;
6. Reform of the import-without-payment scheme designed to eliminate cut-throat competition for foreign exchange which had been one of the causes for the fall of the Israel pound. The Israel Commercial Corporation will become the exclusive agency for non-payment imports which means that persons desiring to transfer capital to Israel in that way will be required to do so through the corporation. The company would merely receive the foreign exchange while trade societies will be formed by building materials and tyre importers respectively to allocate the funds. This restriction does not apply to immigrants wishing to transfer their property in the form of goods or to investors shipping building supplies, raw materials and equipment.

Knesset Debates Note On Release of Nazi Criminals

Heated debate on Israel's relations with Germany and the Western Powers followed the report of the Foreign Minister to the Knesset last night on the aide memoire presented to the American Ambassador. The note protested against the amnesty for German war criminals which was the subject of the "Landsberg" documentary report issued by the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany.

The aide memoire, which was presented to Ambassador Monnet B. Davis by Mr. Sharett on March 12, and based on an official report of the U.S. High Commissioner in Germany giving full details of the sentences commuted and reduced by him, expressed the "deep sorrow of the Government of Israel and the entire Jewish people at the decision of the High Commissioner which authorized the commutation and reduction of sentences imposed by the Nuremberg tribunal on a large number of major war criminals.

The note went on to classify the criminals who had benefited by varying degrees of clemency, and the reasons given for the leniency. It contrasted the "humanism" of the reasoning behind the sentence reductions — including such reasons as "instability of temperament due to nervous strain" and "lack of primary responsibility, age and limited participation"—with the brutality of the crimes for which the sentences were passed — "crimes which for their dimensions and inhumanity had no precedent in the history of man."

The aide memoire pointed out that even in the case of seven war criminals whose records were so unspeakable that no possible evidence could be found to justify a mitigation, death sentences confirmed time and again by the highest judicial authorities in the United States have not yet been carried out and are the subject of a new appeal to the American Courts.

"The Nuremberg Trials established rules of morality no state can disregard, and hold that individuals violating them will be held personally responsible and not permitted to escape on the ground of 'superior orders,' and thus constituted an effective deterrent to potential future war criminals," Mr. Sharett read from the note.

"The action now taken by the American authorities in Germany has in large measure undone this great achievement and impaired its deterrent effect. A would-be war criminal of the future need not be discouraged by the Nuremberg Trials from indulging in similar genocidal excesses.

"On the basis of all this the Government of Israel expressed its most anxious concern at the policy of appeasement towards Germany as reflected in the utterly unjustified and dangerous measure of clemency toward the Nazi war criminals."

In a violent outburst against the Foreign Ministry's policy on Germany, Mr. Itzhak Ben Aharon (Mapam) attacked the "feeble" tone of the note, and accused the Government of failing to take full-blooded steps for the restoration of the Nazi plunder and the institution of the full measure of Nuremberg justice. He attributed the weakness of tone to Israel's complete dependence on the Western powers and its unwillingness to endanger financial aid from the U.S. Full restitution of the German theft would total several times the American grant, he said.

Quoting the British press on the slight chances of receiving reparations and of having Jewish property restored, he attacked the Foreign Minister for delaying the demand for such payment.

A sharp exchange between Mr. Sharett and Mr. Ben Aharon then ensued, the Foreign Minister asking the Mapam spokesman whether his party had previously urged early demands for restitution of Jewish property, and Mr. Ben Aharon replying that it had done so at the sessions of the Zionist General Council last Spring.

Mr. Eliezer Livneh (Mapai) sharpened the debate when he took the floor and expressed his "sorrow that a debate which should have expressed the independence of Israel expressed instead the enslavement of the spirit of members of the Knesset of Israel."

Distinguishing between the moral and financial aspects of our relations with Germany, he said that Israel must act independently regardless of political considerations in actively protesting the "moral travesty" manifested in the leniency to war criminals. In the matter of payments from Germany, he said, there is no place to "mention the blood of even a single child. This is a question of property which has been stolen from us and which must be returned."

Soviet Silence

As for the question of to whom to turn for restitution, Mr. Livneh pointed out that the press in four countries—the U.S., Britain, France and Switzerland — had expressed sympathy with Israel's demands, while the Soviet and satellite press had not even mentioned the matter. He also said that, if the West was rebuilding Germany, the degree of reconstruction in Western Germany could not be compared with the measures taken by the Soviet authorities in their sector, quoting the Soviet press in proof of this.

Rabbi M. Nurock (Religious Bloc) called on the Knesset and the Foreign Ministry to refrain from any contact whatsoever with Germany. He said it would be a shame for Israel to accept blood money for those who were martyred. "Every Jew in the world would be willing to pay the price of reparations rather than dispense with the national honour by asking for reparations from Germany." But restitution, he said, was another matter.

ISRAEL REPAYS $1m. LOAN

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — Israel has repaid the $1m. loan which was advanced to her by the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union about a year ago, Mr. David Dubinsky, President of the union, announced here today. The money was given when Israel was in need of short-term loans to pay for materials purchased in the U.S.

Hard Months Still Ahead

Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan outlined to the Knesset yesterday a six-point anti-inflationary programme and declared that the turning point had been reached in the country's supply position, and economic recovery was in sight. Replying to a ten-hour budget debate, Mr. Kaplan said he could now disclose that the supply situation had been grave due to a drop in dollar income.

"But," he went on, "I am now able to say . . . that the worst is over and we have overcome some of the difficulties. Only the next few months will be difficult." At the same time Mr. Kaplan made it clear that the people would be called upon to make continued sacrifices.

Effect of Drought

He said had it not been for the drought, food supplies for the population as well as for livestock would have been assured for many months. Further measures were being taken to improve the position with regard to raw materials and building supplies.

Mr. Kaplan conceded that income tax reforms were necessary, and he said the Government had expected to propose increased allowances for children, old people, invalids as well as for students and working wives. But these proposals were being shelved until after the elections. In any case, he pointed out, they would apply to the next fiscal year so it made no difference whether they were passed now or in six months' time.

Election Slogan

He rejected the proposal to increase basic allowances which are now IL.250, stating that it would cost the Treasury millions of pounds. Mr. Kaplan ridiculed Opposition members who had proposed tax reductions and increased appropriations for services, saying "That is a good election slogan but it would 'unbalance' the budget and cause inflation."

If the Knesset passes legislation for the floating of saving certificates, the Treasury would be able to suspend the issue of Treasury Bills, he declared.

Mr. Kaplan said he was ready to consider the proposal made by Mr. Arieh Bahir (Mapai) that land should be assured for people investing in building funds. He dismissed, however, suggestions for sale of tracts of government lands to private people. He said this was being done for foreign currency or for industrial and housing projects, but he feared that a less discriminate policy would lead to untrammeled speculation.

He dismissed Mapam suggestions for compulsory taxes and the confiscation of gold, saying they could not be implemented.

It is expected that the budgets will return to the House tomorrow for a final vote.

Riley Presents Report to U.N.

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — Israel has fulfilled her promise to evacuate her forces from Bir Qattar, General Riley, the U.N. Chief of Staff in Palestine, reported to the U.N. today. The report said that a U.N. observer had "found no evidence of military positions there," while the former defence works were "filled in."

Referring to Egyptian complaints that Israel had expelled thousands of Arabs last year, General Riley said that both Israel and Egypt were studying his draft proposals to withdraw the eight complaints dealing with the expulsions of Arabs from Majdal, to agree on the earliest repatriation of those individuals who were entitled to it, and to give immediate consideration to the question of reuniting separated Arab families and transferring Arabs in the Gaza strip to their families living in Jordan.

The report then reviewed the dispute between Israel and Syria over the reclamation work which Israel is now carrying out in the Huleh. General Riley said that Israel, which had charged him with overstepping his powers in the matter, was still considering his proposal that reclamation work be stopped until the Israel-Syria Armistice Commission can consider the question. According to the report, Israel had refused to discuss the question in the M.A.C. while she was still studying General Riley's proposals.

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Social & Personal

Mr. S. Tarkovsky, Israel Consul-General in Switzerland, and Mrs. Tarkovsky, arrived in the s.s. Kedmah yesterday on a private visit.

Sir Henry J. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, Bt., D.S.O., M.C., a Director of The Palestine Corporation Ltd., and Lady d'Avigdor Goldsmid have arrived in Israel for a short visit. A reception was given in their honour at the King David Hotel yesterday by Mrs. Mort Jaffee.

A reception for Dr. Alexander Safran, Chief Rabbi of Geneva, and Mrs. Safran, was given in Jerusalem yesterday by Dr. Reuben Katznelson. The function was attended by prominent members of the community and by members of the Rabbinate.

Mr. Sam Levine, Secretary of the South African Zionist Federation in Israel, returned from Britain yesterday where he participated in the fund-raising campaign of the Joint Palestine Appeal.

Dr. Regina Neugroeschl, of Jerusalem, has left for the U.S. on a short visit.

A memorial meeting on the occasion of the first anniversary of the death of Dr. Daniel Hoffman, former legal adviser to the Economic Department of the Jewish Agency, will be held by the Workers' Committee of the Jewish Agency at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the Keren Hayesod Hall in Jerusalem. The tombstone will be unveiled at the Sanhedria cemetery in Jerusalem today.

"Rigoletto," with the guest singer, S. Jankovic, of the Belgrade Opera, in the role of Rigoletto, will be presented by the Hebrew National Opera at the Habimah Hall in Tel Aviv at 8 tonight. M. Golinkin will conduct.

BIRTH

RESNEKOV — To Rivkah, wife of Mr. Vivian Resnekov — a son, in Cape Town, on March 22. Both well.

Silver Resumes Work For U.J.A.

POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Monday.— Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will re-enter the lists of active campaigners for Israel causes — from which he more or less separated himself two years ago ago when he resigned as Chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency.

Rabbi Silver will speak for the UJA in Kansas City, making several more important addresses before his forthcoming trip to Israel, and has agreed to continue working for the UJA on his return.

In answer to a cable from Mr. Benjamin Browdy, President of the Zionist Organization of America, which sought clarification of a report that the Premier had rejected a General Zionist proposal to invite Dr. Silver to Israel on the grounds that he "would come as a spokesman for those General Zionists who conduct anti-Government activities both in Israel and abroad," Mr. Ben Gurion replied today that the report was "not authoritative and was incorrect."

"I appreciate fully the Zionist work done by Dr. Silver, and, as all devoted Zionists, I am sure that he will continue to render his assistance in the future as well," the Prime Minister added.

AMERICAN ZIONIST ECONOMIST DEAD

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. Elisha M. Friedman, prominent Zionist and author, died here yesterday at the age of 61.

Mr. Friedman, who had held various U.S. Government posts as an economic expert, was a founder of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, and a member of the Economic Committee for Palestine.

J'lem Essay Awards

Prizes are to be distributed today to the winners of the competition among school children and youth for the writing of a composition on "Jerusalem, My City." Rabbi Z. Gold, head of the Jerusalem Development Department in the Jewish Agency, will deliver the awards in the Keren Hayesod Building in the afternoon. At 6.30 in the evening, Kol Israel will broadcast a programme based on the winning works.

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 6, 8.30 & 9.30 p.m.

EDEN: Gone with the Wind (3 & 7.30 p.m.).
EDISON: Africa Screams (3 and 6.30 p.m.).
ORION: Wabash Avenue.
SEMADAR: Slave Girl (4.30 & 8.30 p.m.).
STUDIO: The Kid from Brooklyn.
ZION: One Sunday Afternoon.

Elections Stop New Anti-Inflation Controls

By Our Economic Correspondent

WHEN the Minister of Finance introduced the last budget, its main goal was to pay for mass immigration. It was therefore obvious that the three budgets — the regular budget, the defence budget, and the development budget — must be huge in relation to the national income, and that a considerable part of it must come from treasury bills and land bonds, which means from the printing press. The inflationary trend which today causes so much alarm could be foreseen as soon as the government started on its financial course. It was hoped, however, that the results of the work of the printing press could be controlled to a certain extent by high taxes which would sponge up again the vast sums of money injected into the economy. Only to a certain extent, however, because it was clear from the beginning that a certain inflationary trend would remain, and that everything would depend on the pace of the process. Once slow inflation changed into quick inflation, it would mean that the government had lost control and that severe measures would be necessary in order to stave off disaster.

Events Follow Plan

For a time events followed the plan. Controls and rationing assured the citizen of a minimum of essential goods. Prices remained comparatively stable and although the amount of currency in circulation mounted steadily, the policy of the Treasury appeared to work. This changed last autumn when the "crisis of confidence" shook the public and the government. It was already clear then — or should have been clear — that extreme vigilance was necessary in order to avoid deterioration of the economic position and increased inflation. There were several months in which the government was able to reconsider its economic policy and to decide on the means to check inflation. One of the main instruments of such a policy should have been the budget which is to come into force on the first of April.

Old Pattern

This budget should have been fashioned according to the changed position and should therefore have been of a different structure from that of the previous year. It was therefore surprising that the Minister of Finance should have introduced an interim-budget for four months according to the old pattern and still more surprising that he should have consented immediately when the Finance Committee of the Knesset proposed to extend the estimates to six months. This showed that a sharp turn in financial policy was not contemplated and that the government proposed to maintain the present policy until after the elections. There are, it is true, some anti-inflationary measures, and members in the Knesset have been very eloquent on the need to break the downward trend of the Israel pound. But the opportunity for a revision of the policy which brought us to the present impasse was not used neither was the proposed budget examined in detail with a view of saving wherever saving is possible. The explanation given is, of course, that the impending elections made it impossible for the government to launch new financial schemes, though bills of a controversial nature have been introduced.

Inflation and the means to combat it have been studied and tried out in many countries during the last decades. In the case of Israel the causes of inflation are very clear. They stem from the necessity to finance mass-immigration and the cost of defence. It is unfortunate that one part of the expenditure — that for defence — cannot be dealt with in public. The attempts to transfer the entire defence budget to the ordinary estimates is a step in the right direction, but it is insufficient. The public and the government should make up their minds to stem at least part of inflation at the source, that is at the printing press, and the step announced yesterday, suspending the issue of treasury bills, come none too soon. It will curtail expenditures everywhere, and that exactly is what is needed. There is much talk of sponging up the superfluous money by various means. While this is necessary, pains should be taken not to enlarge the sums of superfluous money.

Out of Hand

There is another aspect of the anti-inflationary struggle which has been neglected up to now — the time factor. Experience has shown that once the inflationary process has accelerated, it tends to get out of hand entirely until the monetary catastrophe makes extremely painful measures inevitable. Every hesitation in the introduction of anti-inflationary measures is therefore dangerous and the government should be pressed not to delay action even for days. The gold-rush in Rehov Lilienblum could have been stopped earlier. Similarly the breaking down of the control of the black market could have been avoided if the transfer from one Ministry to the other had been prepared in time and with the necessary foresight. There are periods when caution is a virtue and hesitation a sound policy. In our period they may prove disastrous. Already the number of people interested in inflation is growing. This group should not be allowed to grow until it is able to counter the anti-inflationary measures announced yesterday in the Knesset.

At the Cinema

"ONE Sunday Afternoon" (Zion, Jerusalem) tells the tale of a dentist (Dennis Morgan) who believes that he married the wrong girl until his rival (Don Defore) turns up for treatment and reveals what has happened to his own marriage. The plot here is not supreme. What counts in this Technicolor romance is the nostalgic *fin de siècle* atmosphere and the exquisite direction by Raoul Walsh. There are plenty of pleasure trips by steamboat, bicycles, romantic sledge rides, and extremely funny barber-shop intermezzi. Janis Paige is as lovely as Dorothy Malone is alluring. The leisurely tempo is comforting rather than dull; the atmosphere of the film is a pleasant contradiction to our own "age of anxiety."

FRANGO

Delicate Operation

"CRISIS" (Esther, Tel Aviv) is a convincing film about the dilemma of an American doctor who must choose between his professional conscience and his democratic principles when he is commissioned to perform a delicate brain operation on a South American dictator. Cary Grant as the surgeon and José Ferrer as the tyrant give excellent performances.

Story of a Town

"MAGIC City" (Allenby) is another saga of the American town—this time with overtones of Frank Capra. Although Capra's veteran script writer, Robert Riskin, has authored the story and James Stewart plays the lead, the film is a rather dull and stereotyped piece. Jane Wyman is in the cast, and William A. Wellman is the director. *Mo.*

Relaxing of Private Building Ban Asked

TEL AVIV, Monday.—Private building contractors are willing to import IL.6m. worth of building materials needed to construct 20,000 rooms, under the non-payment import scheme, if the Government allows the transaction without asking for the "parallel dollar" payment, representatives of the Contractors' Association told the press here today. There are 400 members in the Association, they said.

The representatives—Mr. Y. Milson, Mr. S. Suslik, and Mr. M. Stern—said that 15,000 rooms were under construction when the Trade and Industry Minister, Mr. Y. Geri, announced that the allocation of cement for private buildings would be discontinued.

In October, 1950, private building received 2,032 tons of cement, and the allocations have been diminishing steadily. No allocation has been given since January, 1951. The contractors have invested IL.4m. in their present building schemes.

Because of the non-payment imports scheme, a ton of building iron is sold here at IL.400 instead of the normal price of IL.90; cement at IL.61 per ton instead of IL.10.850; white timber, IL.125 per cubic metre instead of IL.22; and IL.100 a bath-tub instead of IL.33, the contractors said.

Preparations are now under way for the construction of a new cement and brick factory which would have a daily production of 500 tons of cement, 40,000 burnt bricks and 80,000 silicate bricks. The plant would entail an investment of IL.2.5m. local capital and $1.5m.

First Rassco Houses Occupied in J'lem

The first completed dwelling units in the Rassco housing project at the end of Gaza Road in Jerusalem have been occupied by their owners, it was announced yesterday. A total of 85 units will be completed by the end of May, and another 150 by the end of the year. One-hundred and fifty flats are to be built in 1952. This is the first planned housing project to have gone up in Jerusalem since the War of Liberation. Thus far only two and three-room flats in four-flat blocs, and two-room flats in 12-flat blocs, have been completed. The housing company is also planning an immigrants' housing project in Jerusalem, and development in Greater Rehavia.

Jerusalem Hold Petah Tikva

Jerusalemites were served up a soccer treat on Saturday when they saw their local Hapoel side hold the leaders in the Histadrut-Cup League table, Petah Tikva Hapoel, to a goal-less draw, in the Y.M.C.A. pitch.

Nearly 3,000 spectators crowded the "Y" ground to watch the "top-dogs" in action and were rewarded with a thrilling game from start to finish. Both sets of defenders had the edge on the attackers, who found themselves mostly well held by the sturdy defenders and particularly by the two goalkeepers, Dahar, in the home goal, and Visoker, in the Petah Tikva goalmouth.

Petah Tikva started off in fine style and held the stage for the first 10 minutes, but Jerusalem asserted itself and went over from defence to attack. The home attackers sent in some near misses, particularly Zalman, Jerusalem's outside left, one of whose shots rebounded from the goalpost. Menasch, on Jerusalem's other wing, had a long try with a 25 metre drive which the wind carried towards the net. In the last moment, it swerved onto the crossbar, rebounded into play, and was cleared.

Men of the Match

In the second period Dahar dealt confidently with some Petah Tikva efforts to score. He saved a nice shot sent in from a visitor's corner kick after about quarter of an hour's play. Soon afterwards he capably cleared a tricky shot sent at the goal from a melee in front of the Jerusalem goalmouth. All the defenders, apart from the goalkeepers, who were the men of the match, deserve credit, with a special bouquet due to the opposing right backs, Spiegel, for Petah Tikva, and Schtimer, for Jerusalem. The "needle" game was played off in a fine spirited but fair fashion.

M. F.

In other Histadrut Cup games, Kfar Saba Hapoel did well to gain an away win at the expense of Tel Aviv Bnei Yehuda by 4-0, netting twice in each half. Rehovot Hapoel slammed Jaffa Hapoel to the tune of 5-0, after leading 2-0 halfway, in a home win. There were close affairs at Herzlia and Haifa, where honours were even at one-all at the change-over. Haifa's Hapoel XI just scrapped a 4-3 home win over Ramat Gan Hapoel, after appearing to hold a comfortable 3-1 lead at halftime. **(Results were given on Sunday)**

New Hapoel Record

Zohar Edelstein, of Givat Hashlosha Hapoel, chalked up a new Hapoel record in a field event during a tournament at Hapoel's training camp in Petah Tikva. Edelstein put the shot (7½ kilos) 13.10 metres to set a new high. Thirty Hapoel athletes are participating in the camp's programme.

T.A. Betar Slam Rishon Maccabi

Tel Aviv Betar chalked up the win of the Yad L'Asara Cup games over the weekend, travelling to Rishon le Zion to beat the local Macabbi side by 7-0. They netted six of their goals in the second period.

Jaffa Maccabi (not Haifa Maccabi as erroneously reported previously) gained a big home win at the expense of Tel Aviv Maccabi Shmuel by 8-2, after leading 5-0 halfway.

In the Gezer District League matches Na'an Hapoel's kibbutz XI gained the headlines with a 8-0 win over Givat Brenner Hapoel. They led 3-0 at halftime. In an Upper Galilee League game Maayan Baruch netted seven times against Naot Mordechai, who could score only one goal in reply.

In other games in this League, comprised of kibbutz teams, Dafne and Dan fought out a keen battle with the former victorious by the odd goal in seven, by 4-3. Both Malkia and Kfar Blum chalked up 3-0 wins against Kfar Szold and Safad respectively.

(Results given on Sunday)

Chaim Edelson Run

Yosef Salma, Haifa Maccabi's rapidly improving distance runner, won the Chaim Edelson Memorial Street Run in Tel Aviv over the week-end. Over the 3,000-metre distance, a struggle ensued between Salma and Avraham Hecker (of Maccabi Hatzafon), but the former overtook the veteran star in Mapu Street to breast the tape first in 8:58.3 minutes. Hecker timed 9:02.2, with Paul Hirsch, also of Macc. Hatz. third in 10:04.0. Two other events, relays of 5 x 300 m. were also held.

Benny Leonard Club Win Tourney

The Benny Leonard Boxing Club of Tel Aviv, formed to honour the memory of one of the finest Jewish-American world boxing champions of all time, beat Tel Aviv Maccabi by 6-4 in a boxing tournament held on the fine club premises last week. The Benny Leonard team are due to face Haifa Macabi in Haifa early in April.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-1: 2-5: Small collection of Indian sculpture. Exhibit of the Month: Original Ceramic Plate by Picasso; Bezalel Museum.

TEL AVIV

9-1: 3-7: Ceramics by Jean David. Mikra Studio, 56 Rehov Allenby.
10-4: Works by Israel Artists: Tel Aviv Museum.
7.30 & 9.45 p.m.: "Special Appeal:" Li-La-Lo; Yasha Heifetz Hall.
8 p.m.: "Juno and the Peacock" Chamber Theatre; Magrabi.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.
10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 3 Hassan Shukri Street.

Stock Markets

TEL AVIV

MARCH 26.	Buyers	Sellers
Government Loans		
3% due 31.12.53	100½	101½
3% due 30.9.55	99½	100½
Pop. 49-49 (IL.10)	99½	100½
ditto (IL.20)	99½	100½
Bk. Leumi Le'Israel		
"A" Ord. Sh.	180	—
5% Nat Loan 1948/53 (IL.10)	153	154
(large)	146½	147
A.P.B. Invest.		
4% Debs. 50/70	111	112
4% Debs. 51/71	112½	113½
4% Debs. 60/73	111½	112½
4½% Pref. Shares	113	114
Gen. Mortg. Bk.		
4% Debs. 46/63	92½	93½
4% Debs. 49/64	91½	92½
4% Debs. 52/66	91½	92½
4% Debs. 55/70	92½	93½
6% Pref. Sh.	116	117
Ord. Sh.	120	121
Hinar Debs.		
4% 46/53	91½	92½
4½% 52/66 reg.	92½	93½
Nir Ltd.		
4% Debs. 37/61	99	—
4% Debs. 39/59	90	91
5% Pref. Sh.	73	74
4% Pref. Sh.	71½	72½
4½% Pref. Sh. reg.	72	73
Pass Debs.		
4% 42/62	87	88
4% 40/64	97½	98½
Isra Ltd.		
5% Debs. 40/51	96½	97½
P.L.D.C.		
6% Pref. Sh.	114	115
Ord. Sh.	130	—
Afr.-Pal. Inv.		
Ord. Sh.	145	—
Rassco		
4% Debs. 41/56	96½	97½
4% Debs. 47/61	91½	92½
4% Debs. 56/63	83½	84½
Mort.-Sav. Bk.		
5% Debs. 59/69	97½	98½
Potash		
6% Pref. Sh.	19/6	20/-
'A' Ord. Sh.	21/-	21/9
Pal. Electric		
Ord. Sh. (LEn).	49/9	49/9
Israel Issue	49/3	49/9
Jer. Electric		
Ord. Sh. (LEn).	22/6	
Mekoroth Ltd.		
5% Pref. Sh.	78	79
Ata		
4% 'B' Pref. Sh.	140	141
4% "C" Pref. S.	140	141
Ord. Sh. 'B' reg.	186½	187½
Koor		
5½% Pref. Sh. reg.	81	82
S.A. Binyan		
Ord. Sh.	98	99
Pal. Ctr. Trade		
5% Pref. Sh.	84	85
Hamashbir Yin.		
4½% Debs. 47/61	96½	97½
"Atid" Navig.		
5% Debs. 50/69	75	76
Pal. Bearer Bd.		
Ser. 1	10,750	10,850
Ser. 2, 3	10,725	10,825

SUPREME COURT CASES TODAY

Before Justices Dunkelblum, Silberg and Landau: (C.A.12/50): Y. Wechsler (rep. by Ben-Ari) v. G.W. Harper and Others (rep. by Avraham).

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Mehr, Jaffa Road, near Egged, 4192; Valero Finczi, German Colony, 4740.
TEL AVIV: Marpeh, 77 Allenby, 3487; Dr. Spatler, 86 Frishman, 6612; Volkovski, 36 Herzl, 5157; Abravanel, 109 Ben Yehuda, 3821.
JAFFA: Jaffa, 19 4th St., 80700.
HAIFA: Massada, 30 Massada, 2567; Shomron, Bank-Jaffa, 4924.

STATE OF ISRAEL

Notice to the Public

SOCIAL SERVICE COURSE

There are still a few vacancies at the Social Service School, Summer Semester, beginning on May 2, under the direction of the Hebrew University. The course is bi-annual. Those possessing a secondary school education, 20-30 years of age, are requested to apply in writing, by April 12, to the Social Service School, 4 Rehov Abarbanel, Jerusalem.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON MONDAY

Tiesa, Hun., Cement.
Banaderos, Nor., Loading Citrus.
Piast, Pol., Loading Citrus.
Elien Maersk, Dan., Potatoes.
Kedmah, Is., Passengers, Gen. Cargo.
Genevieve Lykes, U.S., Gen. Cargo.
Kartaltepe, Tur., Compt. Unload.
Else, S., Dan., Gen. Cargo.
Uzice, Yug., Wood.
Lica Maersk, Dan., Barley.
Amarna, Br., Gen. Cargo.
Tel Aviv, Is., Gen. Cargo.
Akko, Is., Gen. Cargo.
Negbah, Is., Gen. Cargo.
Dromit, Is., Wood.
Montredizio, It., Gen. Cargo.
Galilah, Is., Being Repaired.
A.M. Norminen, Fin., Wood.
A.J. Falkland, Cw., Paper, Gen. Cargo.
Eleftsis, Gr., Barley.
Scio, Hond., Gen. Cargo.
San Antonio, It., Waiting to Offload.
San Michele, It., Waiting to Offload.
Piriant, Tur., Being Repaired.
Gavriel, Is., Waiting to Offload.
Traky, Tur., Bones.
Torus, Tur., Wood.
Recco, It., Being Repaired.
Hashlosha, Is., Gen. Cargo.

SHIPS EXPECTED

Date	Ship	Cargo
26	Ornafjell	Gen. Cargo.
26	Lulin	Cement, Household Effects.
26,	Bernard	Chemical Fertiliser.
26	Grecian	Will load Citrus.
25	Aalasund	Frozen Fish.
26	Nil	Oil.
26	Dulno	Sunflower Seeds.
27	Budapest	Plywood, Gen. Cargo.
29	Ullington Court	Gen. Cargo.
29	Carbonello A.	Wood.
30	Carlotta	Wood.
31	Koksal	Cement.
31	Giuseppe Croce	Cement.
31	Uzuner	Cement.
31	Rakin	Cement.
—	Exilona	Flour, Foodstuff, Gen. Cargo.

SHIPS IN TEL AVIV PORT

Jack Star, Pan., Rye.
Zfonit, Is., Iron, Gen. Cargo. Cement.

SHIPS IN JAFFA PORT

Grecian, Br., Pipes Gen. Cargo.
Arabian Prince, Br., Loading Citrus.
Siva, Sw., Iron, Gen. Cargo.

In the District Court of Haifa. File: Motion 105/51. **IN BANKRUPTCY.** In the matter of a bankruptcy petition filed on February 14, 1951.

To Mr. Leo Broide, formerly of Haifa, 3 Shoshana Hacarmel Street, c/o Lakshin, whose present whereabouts are unknown.

Take notice that a bankruptcy petition has been presented against you in this Court by Mrs. Herta Kalitzki, of Haifa, through Dr. B. Nathan, advocate of Haifa, and the Court has ordered that the publication of this notice in the newspaper *Jerusalem Post* shall be deemed to be service of the petition upon you; and further take notice that the said petition will be heard at this Court on May 14, 1951, at 8.30 a.m., on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear the Court may make a receiving order against you in your absence.

The petition can be inspected by you on application at this Court.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1951. (—) *S. RASI*
Registrar.

ON THE AIR

TEL AVIV: 49.9, 33.3 & 522 M.; JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.

6.20 a.m. Service. 6.25 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.30 Close Down.

10.50 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.30 Variety (R). 11.00 At the Opera (R). 12.00 M. Break for Music (R). 12.30 "Consumers" Co-operatives." 12.50 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme: Classical Requests. 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 3.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.20 Siesta (R). 4.30 Piano Recital: Marc Lavry. 4.45 Light Music (R). 5.00 Songs by the United Choirs of the Mizrahi Teachers Seminary and the Ussishkin Secondary School. 5.20 Recital: Sascha Parsen and W.A. Schonken. 5.50 Agricultural Corner. 6.15 Talk. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Sports. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 Guest Talk. 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Karel Salomon; Soloists: Vronsky and Babin: Symphony in D Major (Haydn); Concerto in E Flat Major (Mozart). 10.50 Talk by H. Shorer. 10.45 Dance Music (R). 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.20 p.m. Ladino; 7.40 p.m. French; 8.00 p.m. Turkish; 8.15 p.m. Persian.

Kol Zion Lagola (32.3 M.): 12.00 M. Newsreel. 12.15 The Orchestra of the Children's Village of Shefeya. 12.30 New Records.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (31.32 and 24.92 M.): 6.30 News. 6.40 News Talk. 6.45 Visitors' Corner. 6.50 Theatre Review.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (230, 224 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Works by Mozart. 7.15 Air Force Programme. 7.45 Interlude. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 9.00 Community Singing. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	*C	D
Mt. Carmel	—	4	14	16
Haifa Airport	77	12	20	21
Nathanya	81	14	20	21
Haktzya	47	13	21	22
Lydda Airport	82	12	19	21
Jerusalem	73	7	13	15
Beersheba	46	10	19	20

Forecast: Fair.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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60 immigrants and 80 other passengers arrived from Turkey in the s.s. Aksu yesterday.

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Citrus exports during the week ending March 17 totalled 348,372 cases, bringing the total for the season to 2,930,902 cases.

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20 monkeys, six deer and various birds destined for the Tel Aviv zoo, arrived at Lydda aboard a K.L.M. freighter from Bangkok yesterday.

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The mobile blood donor unit of the Magen David Adom will arrive in Ramle at 7 p.m. today. Donors who have received notification are requested to report to the Magen David Adom station.

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91 doctors were called for service in the ma'barot during February, of whom 44 were released on medical or other grounds. 25 per cent of the nurses graduated from training schools were also called for service.

Fire Victim Dashed Inside to Phone

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Moshe Greik, who died in the fire at the Express Service shop yesterday, was unloading goods outside the shop when he rushed into the store to phone the Fire Brigade and was trapped in the rear as the fire spread with lightning speed.

The telephone was on a gallery in the rear of the shop. Several company drivers, who had also been unloading goods in the street, shouted to Greik to jump down and leave the building, but it was apparently too late. The victim dashed for the rear window, which was barred.

Killed by Heat

The victim was only slightly burned and is believed to have died from the intense heat and from suffocation. A post mortem is now being conducted.

Large quantities of goods and packages, many of them untouched, were being removed from the offices of the Express Service at 4 Rehov Mikveh Israel here today.

The damage has not yet been assessed, but it is believed to amount to several thousand pounds. It is thought that a smouldering cigarette set fire to some highly inflammable material near the front door.

Caterers Ask 20 p.c. Rise

TEL AVIV, Monday. — More than 400 owners of hotels, cafes and restaurants in Tel Aviv and Jaffa met here today to discuss ways and means by which they will press their demands for higher prices to the consumer. They resolved to insist on 20 per cent increases in prices of hotel accommodation and of certain foods.

The management of the Caterers Association was severely criticised for "failing to conduct negotiations with the authorities with the necessary energy." Speakers urged the management to continue its negotiations with the Ministry of Trade and Industry, but they did not set a time limit.

A meeting between Dr. K. Licht, Secretary-General of the Association, and Mr. H. Hollander, Director-General of the Ministry, is scheduled to take placed during the next few days.

T.A. Garage Workers May Strike Tomorrow

TEL AVIV, Monday.—Garage employees here may strike on Wednesday if employers refuse to pay increased wages, the local Labour Council decided yesterday. A meeting between the employers and the labour representatives is expected to take place tomorrow in a last attempt to prevent the strike.

The Secretary of the Tailors' Union, who called out his Union last week against the decision of the Labour Council, was warned to adhere to the Council's decision or be suspended.

"A strike has been in progress for the past week in two carpentry shops which work for the building trade. The workers demand that the equivalent of 17 per cent of their full pay be paid by the employers towards a union insurance fund.

Ration News

JERUSALEM: Chicken distribution on Rosh-Dalet 25 will end soon. Coffee and Tea: March distribution, 120 grams' pure coffee or 100 grams' tea or 60 grams' coffee and 40 grams' tea. Feb 10, 11: coffee, IL.1,320 kilo; tea, 880 gruts kilo.

Polish Emigration In Final Stage - Barzilai

HAIFA, Monday. — Among the 220 passengers from Marseilles who arrived in the s.s. Kedmah this morning, was Mr. Israel Barzilai, former Israel Minister to Poland, who returned after resigning from his post about two months ago. He was accompanied by his wife and two children.

He was met by a representative of the Foreign Ministry and a delegation of Mapam leaders, headed by Mr. Aharon Zisling, Knesset member.

Mr. Barzilai told the press that before leaving Poland two months ago he was assured by the Polish authorities that his request for the continuation of uninterrupted immigration to Israel would be given due consideration and study. He said that there were signs that immigration from Poland was approaching a final stage.

The exact number of Jews in Poland was not established, but it was believed that there were between 40,000 to 50,000, concentrated mainly in the Lodz and Silesia districts, he said.

The Barzilai family drove directly from Haifa to Kibbutz Negbah, their home.

Former British War Secretary on Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hore-Belisha arrived in Jerusalem yesterday on a ten-day private visit.

Mr. Hore-Belisha, who in 1934 was Minister of Transport, from 1937 to 1940 Secretary for War and for a few months in 1945 Minister of National Insurance, recalled that he had visited Palestine in 1929.

"Some changes appear to have been made," he remarked with a smile. "And I want to get a first-hand picture of those changes, especially in the Negev."

He said that the British government was "finally coming around to my view of many years ago that this country forms the pivot for any defence of the area and that we must maintain close relations."

Mrs. Cynthia Hore-Belisha, who spent four years at Dachau as a P.O.W. after having been captured by the Nazis while driving an ambulance in France, thought that she might meet some of the people with whom she had been imprisoned.

From Israel, the Hore-Belishas will leave for Ankara where they are to be guests of the British Ambassador, Sir Noel Charles.

Unicef - F.A.O. Mission To Study Milk Needs

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday.—A three-member delegation of UNICEF and the Food and Agriculture Organization arrived here today on a visit of several days to study Israel's request for additional milk supplies for children.

The mission—composed of Mr. D. R. Sabin, of UNICEF's main office in New York; Dr. H. B. Kay, director of the F.A.O. Research Institute in Dairying and professor at Reading University in Britain; and Mr. Alistair Menzies, head of UNICEF's European Milk Conservation Programme—are on a tour of Middle East countries.

Immediately upon arrival, they left for Jerusalem to confer with the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Foreign Relief, as well as with officials of the Ministries of Agriculture, Social Welfare, and Health.

T.W.A. Head Here

Another arrival here today was Mr. Ralph S. Damon, President of the Trans-World Airlines, who is here on a 24-hour visit. American civil aviation is not likely to use jet-propelled aircraft on passenger services, he said. The whole question is still "very nebulous," since apart from other factors, the operating costs of jet planes were very high, he commented.

Two Planes Bring 240 From Iraq

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday.—After a delay of 19 hours, two Near East Skymasters arrived here this afternoon with a total of 240 Iraq immigrants. The previous plane had arrived at 7 o'clock last night.

Isaiah Berlin Arrives

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mr. Isaiah Berlin, Lecturer in Philosophy at New College, Oxford, arrived in Israel yesterday at the invitation of the Government to give a series of lectures to Foreign Ministry staff.

Mr. Berlin has visited Israel before as the guest of President Weizmann. During World War II he was First Secretary at the British Embassy in Washington, and later in Moscow.

No Debate On Interim Gov't

By 46 votes to 22, the Knesset last night voted against a plenary debate on President Chaim Weizmann's message of March 5, in which he informed the Knesset Speaker of his opinion that it was impossible to form a new government and called upon the outgoing Cabinet to remain in office until after elections.

The decision not to hold a debate had been taken earlier in the House Committee, but a reversal of this decision was sought in the plenary yesterday by Dr. Hannah Rubin (Mapam), Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut), Mr. Yosef Saphir (General Zionists) and Mr. Moshe Ben Ami (Sephardim).

They claimed that the President had not acted in accordance with the Small Constitution which required him to entrust a member of the House with the formation of a Government. Further, the presidential letter had not been counter-signed by the appropriate Cabinet minister, as required by law. They asked for action in the House to clarify the powers of the caretaker government.

The chairman of the House Committee, Mr. Ishar Harari (Progressive), said that a debate would serve no useful purpose as the action of the President could not be reversed. The Knesset was free to decide whether or not to dissolve the House. The outgoing Cabinet's present position as a caretaker government did not derive from the President's letter, and was in accordance with the Small Constitution.

HOLIDAY BILL

The Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, introduced a bill in the House last night providing for a minimum of 14 days' paid annual leave for workers.

She said the bill made paid leave compulsory both for the employers and employees. The latter could not accept extra wages in lieu of leave, nor work elsewhere during this period.

There were provisions permitting the accumulation of leave in certain exceptional circumstances.

GLUSKA CHARGED WITH AFFRONT

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mr. Zecharia Gluska, Knesset member (Yemenites), is being sued for IL.500 for allegedly having spat in the face of an employee of the Jewish Agency Resettlement Department.

The plaintiff, Mr. David Malah, told the District Court here today that Mr. Gluska had become incensed at the red banners displayed during the foundation ceremony of a new Yemenite cooperative settlement on the site of the abandoned Arab village of Alkassi in Galilee in July, 1949.

When he and several others who were responsible for the arrangements and the decorations approached Mr. Gluska, the latter spat in his face twice, the plaintiff said.

Mr. Gluska stated that it was improper to confront new immigrants, unfamiliar with the country, with red banners. The blue and white flag was the only fitting decoration for such affairs. His argument with the plaintiff was purely political and not personal, Mr. Gluska continued, charging that the suit against him was initiated for political reasons and in order to defame him.

Judge M. Kenet set the next hearing for April 14.

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J'lem Council Group To Probe Employee

Despite heated minority opposition, the right-wing coalition in the Jerusalem Municipal Council yesterday voted to investigate a "no-confidence" charge by a Deputy Mayor against a veteran city employee.

Deputy Mayor M. Rubin (Herut) made the charge at a previous meeting against Mr. Y. Bar-Ilan, who acted as secretary to the town planning subcommittee. The charge grew out of a dispute between Mr. R. Shari (Mapai) and Deputy Mayor E. Eliashar (General Zionist) that changes had been made by Mr. Eliashar in a subcommittee report.

The minority, in opposing the investigation, stressed that an important precedent was being established whereby city employees could be charged, then heard by "partisan Council committees." Mr. A. Kublanov (Mapam) warned that the local Labour Council "would never countenance such unfair action."

Minority Defeated

The minority asked that the matter be dealt with by the Council's committee on personnel. This proposal was defeated and the majority appointed a five-member committee, consisting of Mr. D. Siton, Chairman, Dr. A. Koeh (both General Zionists), Mr. M. Yosha (Herut), and Messrs. M. Friedman (Mapai) and M. Kehati (Yemenite-Mapai).

The Council approved an appropriation of IL.6,000 to the city's Religious Council over Mr. Kublanov's strong objection. It also authorized payments this year for two prizes of IL.100 each to the best work of literature, music or art whose subject is Jerusalem, and to the best scientific study of some religious work.

Mr. M. Glickman-Porush (Orthodox) was appointed as city representative on the Alcoholic Beverages Board. Mr. M. Attias, director of the city education department, was appointed chief registrar in the current registration programme of school children.

Criticism of Haifa Budget Voiced

HAIFA, Monday. — Discussion on the IL.4,100,000 budget took place at today's meeting of the Municipal Council.

Dr. G. Kaminka (Progressive) opposed the proposal for building sport and other facilities before enough housing and classrooms were provided. He also opposed the suggestion of raising taxes on empty plots but insisted on heavier taxation on large commercial companies.

Which Committee?

Mr. N. Het (General Zionist) claimed that the budget should be presented by the Finance Committee and not by the Steering Committee. He criticized the proposal providing for an initial deficit and criticized also the system of appointment of Municipal officials.

Mr. A. Mali (Hapoel Hamizrahi) proposed the establishment of a reserve fund to meet growing inflation.

The Council approved a proposal for the establishment of a Municipal Trade School in September, 1951, involving an expenditure of IL.11,000.

Discussion on the budget will be continued on Wednesday.

GRENADES. — Three hand-grenades were thrown yesterday into an unoccupied dance-hall in Brussels where Communists had been holding a congress.

Mizrahi Sentenced to Death For Murder of Hendler

Ya'acov Mizrahi was sentenced to death for murder by the Jerusalem District Court yesterday, and his brother Yitzhak was ordered to be detained at the pleasure of the Minister of Social Welfare. They were both found guilty of causing the death of Mr. Haim Hendler, a Jerusalem land broker, on August 13 with premeditation.

The younger accused was not sentenced to death because he is under 18 years of age.

The judgment of Judges Halevi, Many and Eisenberg — 126 pages long — took the President six and a half hours (with a short interval) to read. The delivery was completed only a few minutes before 3 p.m.

The Court accepted the story told by the prosecution witnesses. The confessions made by the accused to the Police were not given much weight by the Court.

Legal Argument

The judges also held that there was no substance in the legal argument put forward that Yitzhak Mizrahi was guilty only as an accessory after the fact.

They found that the younger brother knew all the details of the proposed crime, and participated in the plot and the actual murder.

The prosecution story was that the accused had lured Hendler to their rooms at the St. John's Ophthalmic Hospital by pretending that they would be able to arrange for a flat to be let through Hendler's mediation. They kept him under restraint for six hours before he was killed, and during that time they forced him to give a message to Mr. Y. Feniztein, his partner, to bring a sum of money for delivery to the Mizrahis.

The younger brother received IL.900 at the hands of Feniztein. Then, it was held, the accused had no choice but to murder Hendler in order to prevent discovery of their crime. After beating him on the head and face with a stick, he was killed by a revolver shot in the head and his body thrown into a well in the courtyard of the Hospital. His clothes were hidden a short distance away.

Mr. E.S. Shimron, State Attorney, and Mr. E. Hedaya, Jerusalem District Attorney, represented the prosecution; Mr. P. Rabinowitz appeared for Ya'acov Mizrahi, and Mr. G. Hausner for Yitzhak Mizrahi.

Out-of-Court Settlement of Orphanage Case Possible

The Diskin Orphanage case, heard yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court before Judge B. Shereshevsky, was postponed until April 8 after a long discussion between judge and counsel as to the prospect of an amicable settlement being reached between Government and the trustees of the Orphanage.

The Attorney-General is asking the court to sanction a scheme for the management of the institution which will be based on the recommendations made by the Committee of Inquiry set up by the Government about 18 months ago.

In his pleadings, the Attorney-General has stated that he is prepared to modify the recommendations which are numerous and far-reaching, in terms of an agreement made between the Education Department and a section of the trustees. This would provide that the Orphanage would not be attached to any school trend, and would be subject to Government inspection. The programme of education would be settled by a committee appointed by the Education Department and the trustees.

In written arguments filed by Dr. Y. Frank and by Dr. M. Buxbaum, who appeared for the trustees that had made the agreement, it was contended that the scheme asked for involved amendments in the Trust Deed founding the institution which the Court had no jurisdiction to order. Moreover, the defendants stated that they had reached a full agreement with the other sections of the trustees in terms of which a further modification of the Government demands would be required.

The amendments now requested provide that inspection of the Orphanage would be implemented by the Inspection Committee of the Agudat Israel trend, and that any dispute between the Government representatives and the trustees as to the educational programme would be referred to the High Rabbinical Court of the Ashkenazi Community, which would decide the matter.

Mr. C. Gluckmann, appearing for the Attorney General, stated that these proposals could not be accepted, and put forward counter-proposals for inspection and decision. After a lengthy discussion as to the prospects of agreeing on these issues, the adjournment was agreed upon in order to investigate the possibilities of concluding the case by mutual agreement.

Foreman on Trial For Careless Use of T.N.T.

HAIFA, Monday. — The trial of Avraham Zohar, foreman of the Ruppin Quarry who is charged with negligence in the use of explosives resulting in injury to Dr. W. Zucker, a Haifa dental surgeon, his wife and 15-year-old son in August last year, opened before the President of the District Court, Dr. Y. Azulai, here yesterday.

Dr. Zucker, his wife and son, Eli, were driving along Ruppin Road toward Ahuza, when their car was halted because of blasting operations in the quarry. After three explosions, a worker reopened the road, and as their car was passing the quarry, a fourth explosion occurred. The three passengers were struck and injured by pieces of rock.

The foreman who had been in charge of the blasting operations pleaded not guilty.

At today's hearing, Mr. Dov Eytan, an explosives expert, was questioned at length on the properties of T.N.T. used in quarry blasting.

The trial was adjourned until Sunday.

T. A. Chief Rabbi On Witness Stand

TEL AVIV, Monday, (ITIM). —Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi, Isser Unterman, appeared as a prosecution witness in the Magistrate's Court here today where Shalom Dahler, 36, of Tel Aviv, is charged with slander.

Rabbi Unterman said that as he was leaving the Rabbinical Court-room here last May, the accused, who was a party in a matrimonial suit, shouted, "You are a court of 'protectzia.' Pity the State which has such courts." The hearing will be resumed on May 14.

Big Vietminh Offensive Opens

SAIGON, Monday, (Reuter). — Communist-led Vietminh rebels last night "violently attacked" many French posts and villages along the northern periphery of the French-held Tonkin delta bridgehead, a French communique said tonight. After "magnificent resistance," the defenders counter-attacked and with the support of French artillery inflicted heavy losses "on the rebels, repulsing them everywhere.

The four-day-long rebel harassing attacks were regarded by neutral observers here as the opening phase of the long awaited resumption of a general Vietminh counter-offensive, which the rebels said would take place this year.

In Paris, a French five-star General from the Indo-China theatre said today that the Vietminh spring offensive should be under way within two weeks. "All we need," he said, "is French reinforcements which should arrive within the next few months, and increasing tempo of American arm shipments. His claim was supported by a statement from the French Commander in the Far East, General de Lattre de Tassigny, that "French troops would repulse the new offensive without American manpower."

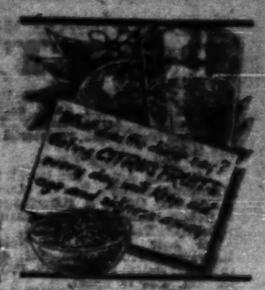
British Zionist Attacks Israel 'Centre' Party

LONDON, Monday (INA). — "In the last few years a certain group in Israel has infiltrated into the General Zionist movement — a group which contains very little Zionist ideology, which consists of landowners and property men, and which lacks idealism and culture," Dr. Joseph Segall, Chairman of the European Executive of the Confederation of General Zionists, told delegates at the annual conference of the British Zionist Federation yesterday. He stressed, however, that a split in General Zionist ranks was not inevitable.

After the struggle to attain Statehood we should have a sense of responsibility and join the Government in its task, he said.

Hoping that the new British Foreign Secretary would do everything possible to speed up the solution of the outstanding problems in the Middle East, Dr. S. Levenberg, Vice-President of the Federation, today welcomed the improvement in Anglo-Israel relations. He drew attention to the new Egyptian £400m. rearmament programme as involving the danger of a "second round."

The Conference tonight re-elected Mr. Barnett Janner and Mr. Halevy President and Chairman respectively.



Cables in Brief

LISBON. — Two men and two women were jailed in Portugal yesterday from one and a half to four years for publishing a clandestine Communist paper.

PASSPORTS. — Charged with complicity in a country-wide forged passport racket, 21 people appeared in a Bombay court yesterday.

Sixty Aircraft Seek Missing Globemaster

LONDON, Monday. — One of history's greatest air and sea searches continued today for the U.S. Globemaster plane missing since Friday with 53 passengers. With thick grey clouds and cold rain reducing visibility it was decided to continue searching throughout the night, though hope of finding any survivors has almost been abandoned.

Sixty aircraft were sent aloft today to concentrate on a 30 kms. square "box," about 1,000 kms. west of Ireland—the area in which wreckage and flares were reported on Friday.

The search is continuing with full intensity, though an unofficial source in London said: "It is absolutely impossible for anyone to have survived on the Atlantic for so long, no matter how comfortably equipped a dhingy may be. Nor are there any islands in the area that could give refuge."

Among the missing passengers is U.S. Brigadier General Cullen.

POLICE TO PROTECT 'PRENSA' EDITOR

MONTEVIDEO, Monday. — The Uruguay President is understood to have ordered police protection for Dr. Alberto Paz, editor of the paper "La Prensa," who escaped a police hunt in Argentina and arrived in Uruguay yesterday, according to some reports by either yacht or private plane.

Dr. Paz disappeared from his home in Buenos Aires when a Congressional Committee last Tuesday seized his paper and ordered his arrest for contempt of Congress. He is now staying in his country house in the Department of Colonia, and told newsmen "I have come to have a rest and visit my mother."

TYRONE POWER ROBBED

LONDON, Monday, (Reuter). —Police were investigating a robbery at film star Tyrone Power's flat in London's fashionable West End today. Jewellery and furs reported to be worth £10,000 were stolen.

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THE first British Parliamentary Delegation to Israel was welcomed by the Knesset last night. Its eight members, headed by Mr. Glenvil Hall, Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, represent both Houses of Parliament, and the three principal political parties of Great Britain. They have come to return the visit paid last year by an inter-party Knesset delegation to the Mother of Parliaments.

KNESSET WELCOME FOR M.P.s

This visit is of a very special interest because these eight men come as representatives, not of the government, but the people of Britain, who were involuntarily joined with the Yishuv in the personal sufferings of the sub-war in mandated Palestine, even though the victims fell on opposite sides of the barbed wire. There is much for them to see; they may learn that Britain's stewardship did not go for nothing, despite its sorry end, and that a great deal of the honest administrative work done has been carefully preserved by Israel in recognition of its merits. They may learn that Israel is fulfilling its plan and promise to bring here all Jews who need to come, and all who wish to come, at a hazardous rate that could never have been attempted by a foreign administration. Coming from a war-tried and austerity-ridden Britain that has passed through economic troubles not dissimilar, if never so acute, as ours, they may find sympathetic understanding for Israel's current crisis. Finally they will certainly see that, by and large, anti-British feeling seems as much a part of dim history as the "National Home," whose precise meaning was so bitterly fought over for a generation. Some of the members of the Delegation are old friends: all are equally welcome today, as distant cousins in the venture since Balfour's day.

Viscount Samuel, the first High Commissioner under the Mandate over 30 years ago, will be able to compare what he sees now with what he remembers of his many previous visits. Israel owes much to the foundations he laid then. He returns — with Lady Samuel — in his eighty-first year and we are glad to welcome him on this occasion not only as a great Jew, but as a great British Parliamentarian.

Inevitably, the visitors will also ponder the strategic reports and pipedreams of the past months, and observe for themselves that the time is scarcely ripe for foreign bases in a country still so new that its administration creaks in every joint, even were such bases acceptable from the point of view of alignment. They may ponder the new Sinai resettlement schemes in this light and speculate on the convenience of a reservoir of skilled and specialist labour close at hand. In any case they will not miss the fact that Israel is a vital and enterprising area of the Middle East despite its small size, and that it must play a significant role in any future plans for this part of the world.

NEHRU SAYS 'NO' TO NEW KASHMIR MOVE

AGRA, United Provinces, Monday (Reuter). — Indian Prime Minister Nehru said last night that to accept the Anglo-American resolution on Kashmir, which is before the Security Council, would be "dishonourable."

The revised resolution, presented last Wednesday, calls on India to accept arbitration in their three-year-old dispute by representatives appointed by the International Court, if their discussions with the U.N. representative fail.

U.S. Poll Records A New 'Low' for Truman

By Kenneth Harris

WASHINGTON. — PRESIDENT Truman's popularity has hit a new "low" according to a recently published Gallup poll. Two things in particular may have contributed. The Supreme Court has dismissed the Alger Hiss appeal, so that he now stands finally condemned as a Communist spy, and the Fulbright Committee has established that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, a Government business-loan agency, has been riddled with graft.

Two years ago, President Truman shrugged off the news of the Hiss investigation as a "red herring" and he used the same words four weeks ago of the Fulbright Committee, adding that their preliminary report was "asinine."

In the Running

The newspapers here have just published the results of a poll in which the national leaders of the Democratic Party — Chairmen of State Parties, Members of the National Committee, and so on — were asked what they felt about a Democratic candidate in the Presidential Election for 1952. Mr. Truman was their first choice, and Senator Paul Douglas seems to be their second.

Sen. Douglas

Senator Douglas's sudden appearance among the "possibles" will come as a surprise to many Americans. Though a fine brain—formerly a professor at Chicago, America's most "intellectual" University, an expert economist — he reviewed Roy Harrod's biography of Lord Keynes for the "New York Times" —and an admirable character, Douglas has no party following. He speaks as an Independent, does not court publicity, and has been in Congress for only a couple of years. If Americans take a second look at him however — and they will after reading about this poll — they will realize he has a lot in his favour.

His criticisms have been independent enough to suit those Democrats and those non-partisan citizens who think the Truman Administration has made a lot of mistakes, yet he has been outspoken in support of the general objectives of the Administration, the Marshall Plan, resistance to aggression, rearmament for defence, action against inflation, and Aid for Asia. As a Presidential candidate he would have two great advantages. First, he comes from Illinois, which is not a "certain" State for either side, and which has the third greatest number of votes to cast in the election. Such States are known traditionally to favour a President who is one of their sons.

Secondly, Douglas has as much moral stature, and would inspire as much instinctive trust as Eisenhower. He would have none of "Ike's" glamour, but he would outclass him in intellectual ability and political experience. He would make an abler and a more memorable speech.

The Presidential campaign will not really open until next Spring, but the jockeying for position has already begun. There are four key figures to watch — Eisenhower, Taft, Truman and Douglas. If Taft inaugurated a "Keep-out-of Europe" policy, Eisenhower would move in and try to take the Republican nomination from him. If Taft defeated him, and emerged as the Republican candidate, Truman would probably stand, and would be backed by the Democratic Party.

If General Eisenhower stood as the Republican candidate, however, it would be fatal for Mr. Truman to oppose him. The Democratic Party might put up Senator Douglas, who could at least contest Eisenhower on his own high level.

U.N. Activities

The Government of the Union of South Africa has written to Trygve Lie rejecting the Round Table Conference with India and Pakistan, which the General Assembly had officially recommended last December, to deal with complaints that people of Indian origin in and around Durban were being segregated and deprived of their property by Union law. The South Africans rejected this proposal because it constituted "an intervention in a matter essentially within the Union's domestic jurisdiction." This attitude holds out little hope for the solution of another problem on which U.N. officially pronounced last December — the future of the territory called South-West Africa. Last July, the International Court said that South Africa, which had virtually annexed this territory, must continue to treat it as a Mandated Territory. U.N. in December upheld the Court's decision and asked South Africa to restart the routine of making annual reports on how they were administering the territory and of forwarding any petitions which the native inhabitants wanted to send. U.N. also set up a five-nation committee to confer with the South Africans. Prince Wan of Thailand, Chairman of the committee, has recently told his fellow-members that the South Africans have not replied and he does not know whether they will cooperate with the committee or not. Mr. Ben Gerig, America's representative on the committee, seemed to be still optimistic.

The Average American

According to the latest figures, the 1951 average American is a city dweller, is a shade over thirty years old (getting older), was born on American soil, (more than two million New Yorkers weren't), is a householder, is married, and has children. For the first time in history American women outnumber men by 100 to 98.1.

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To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — After many years of Zionist activity, my wife and I emigrated from England in February 1949. We planned upon a kibbutz-life and accordingly gave away or sold all our possessions with the exception of clothing and bedding. We paid our own fares here and transferred our small savings.

It is very difficult for a family to assimilate into an established kibbutz, particularly as our 5 year old son could not make the adjustment, so after a year, we left the kibbutz for a moshav shetufi.

We could not adapt our own standards and ideals to those of the moshav, and so six months ago we planned to leave. I am a general mechanical engineer and electrician, my wife is a qualified English teacher, and we could both find work, but we cannot obtain accommodation, either because the prices are too high, or because we are not new immigrants.

We have never received help from any government body, and we do not ask for it now, but we do need advice.

Yours, etc.,
SHIMON BOAS

Shavei Zion, March 19.

NEW FACULTY

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I read with great interest the report in your issue of March 20, regarding plans for the Hebrew University. It struck me, however, that they did not include a pharmaceutical institute. This profession is in danger if it remains without a younger generation; there is already a severe shortage of young qualified pharmacists. Even among the new immigrants the pharmacists are mostly over 50 years of age. The Hebrew University should include the establishment of this faculty in their programme.

Yours, etc.,
"PHARMACIST"

Jerusalem, March 21.

AGAINST WARMONGERS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—David Courtney in his "Column One," of March 15 expressed the views of many in his protest against warmongering.

No one who has witnessed the tragic results and suffering owing to a policy intended to coerce and inflame a potencial enemy, can but admire efforts made from any quarter which might contribute to peace.

Yours, etc.,
LEWIS RUBIN

Bat Galim, March 15.

SPECULATION

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—A friend of mine who came to this country a few weeks ago was offered a three-roomed flat for IL.4,500 in key money. The owner of the flat is moving to the Hadar Yosef Quarter where the Defence Ministry is building 3½ roomed houses for regular army officers and Defence Ministry officials at the price of IL.3,600, of which only IL.2,300 are to be paid in cash, and IL.1,300 is given on a long-term mortgage at 4% by the Treasury.

This kind of ruthless speculation should be checked and stopped by the Government. If a man with a flat in Tel Aviv takes advantage of the Defence Ministry's offer to build him a house of his own at a price and conditions unparalleled in this country, and at a time when building material is not available for most vital purposes, then he should at least not be allowed to make a black market deal on the flat he leaves. In this case the flat owner would get IL.4,500 in cash, whereas he is paying only IL.2,300 in cash for a new 3½ roomed house. He gets a 4% mortgage for 12 years for IL.1,300 and is virtually left with IL.2,200 in his pocket!

I would suggest that the Ministry of Defence appoint a special committee (as the Histadrut did for Shikun Vatikim) to check on this key money business. Every flat rented by prospective house owners of Hadar Yosef should be requisitioned by the Government, either for public servants or new immigrants, so that no undue profit will be made, either by the landlord, or the tenant.

Yours, etc.,
J. BEN CHORIN

Tel Aviv, March 19.

DANGEROUS TALK

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — On March 18, I left Tel Aviv at 2.20 p.m., in an overcrowded Egged bus, for Pardess Hanna. I shared the double seat behind the driver with a young lady who conversed incessantly with the driver up to Ramataim. Near Petah Tikva we ran into a blinding rain storm and I politely asked the lady to stop her conversation with the driver, pointing out the dangers and recalling the road disaster of several days ago when a bus overturned at Gan Hashomron. My request had the opposite effect and their conversation became even more animated. Only when we approached Ramataim and I had to tell the driver which turning to take did the two finally become silent.

Yours etc.
DR. SUESS

Karkur, March 19

'Black' Unchecked By Light Sentences

By Victor Perry

This is the third of a series of articles on the black market.

THE black market, which re-emerged after the Prime Minister's anti-black market campaign had ended last November, received its initial setback last week. The newly organized Economic section of the police, in its first concerted action, struck at restaurants and small manufacturers suspected of illicit dealings. Was this action, however, too little and too late?

After the Ministry of Supply and Rationing's enforcement organization was wound up, and the special anti-black market section at Police H. Q. was disbanded last November, there was a period of several months when no effective policing body existed. After numerous negotiations, enforcement was officially handed to the police, and a special budget allotted. It was not until last week, however, that the Economic Section of the Police was sufficiently organized to act effectively. In the meantime, black market activity had reached a new peak.

Enforcement Not Clear

The plans for enforcement are not yet clear. Anti-black market operations were decentralized among the principal police regions on February 1. One hundred and thirty men were allotted to Tel Aviv, but only about half this number have been drafted. Authorities feel that it will take several months for the organization to reach its full strength and function smoothly. This time is needed to gain experience and to lay the elaborate groundwork necessary for large-scale operations.

Meanwhile the anti-profiteering courts have been at work and have cut down their backlog of cases from over 700 to less than 200. Only a handful of cases pending are more than a year old. The decline in the number of arrests has paradoxically been met by an increase in judges. As a result, the anti-profiteering courts have succeeded, during the first two months of 1951, in finishing more than twice the number of new cases introduced during the same period. This favourable picture has enabled the release of one anti-profiteering court judge to the traffic court, where the need is now greatest.

Despite such achievements, some of the judges feel disappointed by the infrequent and unimpressive arrests. One judge complained to this reporter: "Under conditions today, hundreds of persons should be brought before me daily, instead of the handful of petty offenders you now see." The police and the prosecutors, on the other hand, complain that the courts are too lenient. The same judge replies, "Show me a major offender and he will get the maximum sentence possible." The maximum jail sentence for black market offences has been increased from five to seven years by the new Knesset law which went into effect on February 15. The maximum fine has been raised from IL.5,000 to IL.10,000. At the same time the law imposes a greater burden of proof on the prosecution and appreciably tightens the evidence requirements. The effects of the law are yet to be seen.

Few Heavy Sentences

In the meantime, fines are averaging IL.30 per offence, and jail sentences, when imposed, run no more than a few weeks in prison. The stiffest sentence imposed to date was 18 months for concealing goods, shortly before the Prime Minister's anti-profiteering campaign got underway last October. This was later reduced to six months. A big dealer in black market meat was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and fined IL.1,000. There have been no other sentences approaching the severity of these two.

Precedent seems to hold the judges back, and nobody wants to go against it.

The importance of the new anti-black market campaign cannot be overestimated. In an economy of scarcity, enforcement, to be effective, must be followed up by equitable and efficient distribution of essential goods. The public is anxiously awaiting the results.

TEL AVIV TATTLE

NOW that the streets leading to the 2nd of November Square have been broadened, Tel Aviv has become even more of a "Naked City," for many of the trees at the head of Ben Yehuda had to be cut down to make the transformation possible. While the loss of the trees is to be regretted from an aesthetic standpoint, at least the traffic-congestion around the "Mograbi" will now be somewhat eased.

Now it is about time to do something about the "Mograbi" itself, whose appearance has been sadly neglected. The worn posters which "adorn" the front of the cinema and the entrance to the Chamber Theatre are an eyesore. Can the Municipality not compel the owner of the building to remove the ugliness from one of the city's chief landmarks?

Hairy Tale

I was waiting in a barber shop for a hair-cut. The wait seemed, as usual, interminable. Why is it, I wondered, that the gentlemen ahead of me in the barbers' chairs always turn out to be the vainest creatures under the sun? Why do they have to agree to have every possible treatment the barber shop can offer, just when I am waiting for a hair-cut? I dipped into a worn magazine, I watched a peddler trying to sell some Cailler chocolate (nobody wanted any) and finally it was my turn to reach the barber's chair.

The man started his work. A pretty girl of about 20 came into the shop. I watched her in the mirror; she was very excited.

"Excuse me," she said to the man who was cutting my hair. "I have a little sister of six, and she has just burnt the hair off her doll. We can't stop the poor kid crying. Could you possibly give me a little hair to repair the doll with?"

To my horror, the barber looked at my hair contemplatively and asked the girl whether it was the kind she wanted. To my relief, the girl looked at my hair, then into the mirror, blushed, and turned to one of the chairs on the other side of the shop where the blonde curls of a young man were being cut. I saw the girl negotiate, first with the barber, then with the young man, and soon she left — with enough fair hair for a periwig, wrapped in an old copy of *The Post!*

Dollar Menus

Some days ago, my wife and I were treated by an American visitor to a "dollar menu" at one of our seaside hotels. We were terribly disappointed, having been led to believe that such meals were "out of this world" of austerity. Although a schnitzel was served, the meal as a whole was unimaginatively prepared. The "clear soup" was inferior to that prepared with a bouillon cube; the vegetables were poorly cooked.

We feel we can do better than that at home, with a little trouble.

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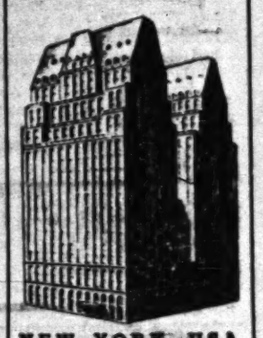
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